

ROTATABLE DISPLAY MOUNTING STRUCTURE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a display mounting structure and,
5 more particularly, to a rotary display mounting structure used in a portable computer.

2. Description of Related Art

Following fast development of computer industry and the related
technology, a variety of computers, including desk-top computers,
10 notebook computers, tablet PCs (personal computers), and etc. have been created and commercialized.

A conventional notebook computer or tablet PC has the display
mounted in a frame. In an early design, the display is directly affixed to the
frame, and not rotatable relative to the frame. Recently, rotatable displays
15 are commonly used in portable computers. The so-called rotatable display is to have the display fastened pivotally with the frame by means of pivot holes and pivots. However, conventional rotatable display mounting designs do not have means to hold the display positively in position after a rotary motion. Further, in order to let the display be rotatable in the frame, a
20 gap is left between the display and the frame. Due to the presence of the gap, the display can be freely rotated in the frame without interference. However, the gap admits light from the back side of the portable computerto pass through and may interfere with the user's sight.

Therefore, it is desirable to provide a rotatable display mounting

structure that eliminates the aforesaid drawbacks.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention has been accomplished under the circumstances in view. It is the main object of the present invention to
5 provide a rotatable display mounting structure, which enables the display to be selectively positioned in one of two reversed positions and, which blocks external back light when set in position.

According to the first embodiment of the present invention, the rotatable display mounting structure comprises a hollow frame, and a
10 display. The hollow frame comprises a left-side frame bar, a right-side frame bar, a top frame bar, a bottom frame bar, a mounting space surrounded by the left-side frame bar, the right-side frame bar, the top frame bar and the bottom frame bar, and two first pivoting devices coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the left-side frame
15 bar and the right-side frame bar. The display is mounted within the mounting space inside the hollow frame, comprising an outer left side, an outer right side, an outer top side and an outer bottom side respectively disposed corresponding to the left-side frame bar, right-side frame bar, top frame bar and bottom frame bar of the hollow frame, and two second
20 pivoting devices coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the outer left side and the outer right side and respectively pivoted to the first pivoting devices of the hollow frame to secure the display to the hollow frame for enabling the display to be turned about the axis passing through the first pivoting devices and the second pivoting devices Further,

the display comprises at least one positioning structure disposed at at least one of the outer top side and outer bottom side of the display; the hollow frame comprises at least one positioning device disposed at at least one of the top frame bar and bottom frame bar of the hollow frame and adapted to
5 engage with the at least one positioning structure of the display for positioning. When rotating the display in the hollow frame, the at least one positioning structure and the at least one positioning device can be matched to hold the display in position.

The at least one positioning structure is respectively extended from
10 the outer left side of the display to the outer right side of the display, and the at least one positioning device is respectively extended from the left-side frame bar of the hollow frame to the right-side frame bar of the hollow frame, so that the at least one positioning structure and the at least one positioning device, when matched, form a shielding structure to stop light
15 from passing through the gap between the display and the hollow frame.

According to the second embodiment of the invention, the rotatable display mounting structure comprises a hollow frame, and a display. The hollow frame comprises a left-side frame bar, a right-side frame bar, a top frame bar, a bottom frame bar, a mounting space
20 surrounded by the left-side frame bar, the right-side frame bar, the top frame bar and the bottom frame bar, and two first pivoting devices coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the top frame bar and the bottom frame bar. The display is mounted within the mounting space inside the hollow frame, comprising an outer left side, an outer right side, an outer

top side and an outer bottom side respectively disposed corresponding to the left-side frame bar, right-side frame bar, top frame bar and bottom frame bar of the hollow frame, and two second pivoting devices coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the outer top side and the outer bottom side and respectively pivoted to the first pivoting devices of the hollow frame to secure the display to the hollow frame for enabling the display to be turned about the axis passing through the first pivoting devices and the second pivoting devices. Further, the display comprises at least one positioning structure disposed at at least one of the outer left side and outer right side of the display; the hollow frame comprises at least one positioning device disposed at at least one of the left-side frame bar and right-side frame bar of the hollow frame and adapted to engage with the at least one positioning structure of the display for positioning. When rotating the display in the hollow frame, the at least one positioning structure and the at least one positioning device can be matched to hold the display in position.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective of the first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged view of a part of the first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the second embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4 is an enlarged view of a part of the second embodiment of the

present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, a rotatable display mounting structure is shown comprising a hollow frame 1. The hollow frame 1 has a left-side frame bar 11, a right-side frame bar 12, a top frame bar 13, and a bottom frame bar 14. The frame bars 11~14 surrounds a mounting space 15. Two first pivoting devices 111 and 121 are coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the left-side frame bar 11 and the right-side frame bar 12.

As illustrated, a display 2 is mounted within the mounting space 15 inside the hollow frame 1. The display 2 has an outer left side 21, an outer right side 22, an outer top side 23, and an outer bottom side 24. The outer sides 21~24 correspond to the frame bars 11~14 of the hollow frame 1 respectively. Two second pivoting devices 211 and 221 are coaxially provided in the respective middle positions of the outer left side 21 and the outer right side 22 and respectively pivoted to the first pivoting devices 111 and 121 to secure the display 2 to the hollow frame 1, enabling the display 2 to be turned about the axis passing through the first pivoting devices 111 and 121 and the second pivoting devices 211 and 221. According to this embodiment, the first pivoting devices 111 and 121 and the second pivoting devices 211 and 221 are pivot holes and pivots (alternatively, the first pivoting devices 111 and 121 and the second pivoting devices 211 and 221 can be pivots and pivot holes).

As illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the display 2 further has two

flange-like positioning structures **231** and **241** respectively disposed at the outer top side **23** and the outer bottom side **24**. The hollow frame **1** further comprises two locating grooves **131** and **141** respectively formed in the top frame bar **13** and the bottom frame bar **14** at an inner side, a plurality of
5 spring members, for example, compression springs **18** respectively mounted inside the locating grooves **131** and **141**, and two positioning bars **16** and **17** respectively supported on the spring members **18** in the locating grooves **131** and **141**. The positioning bars **16** and **17** each have a groove-like positioning device **161** or **171** disposed at an outer side.

10 When rotating the display **2** within the hollow frame **1**, the positioning bars **16** and **17** are forced outwards by the spring members **18** toward the inside of the mounting space **15** within the hollow frame **1**, for enabling the respective groove-like positioning devices **161** and **171** to receive the flange-like positioning structures **231** and **241** and to further
15 hold the display **2** in the hollow frame **1** in position. Further, the flange-like positioning structures **231** and **241** respectively extend from the outer left side **21** to the outer right side **22**, and the groove-like positioning devices **161** and **171** respectively extend from the left-side frame bar **11** to the right-side frame bar **12**. When the flange-like
20 positioning structures **231** and **241** and the groove-like positioning devices **161** and **171** were matched, they form an elongated light shield to stop light from passing through the gap between the display **2** and the hollow frame **1**, and therefore when the user viewing the display **2**, the external light does not interfere with the user's sight.

The aforesaid groove and flange (tongue) coupling arrangement between the positioning devices **161** and **171** and positioning structures **231** and **241** may be interchanged; the spring members **18** may be provided at the positioning structures **231** and **241** and adapted to shorten
5 the distance between the positioning devices **161** and **171** and the positioning structures **231** and **241**, causing the positioning structures **231** and **241** to engage with the positioning devices **161** and **171** respectively. Further, sponges **6** may be installed in the left-side frame bar **11** and the right-side frame bar **12**, and adapted to shield the gap between the left-side
10 frame bar **11** and right-side frame bar **12** of the hollow frame **1** and the outer left side **21** and outer right side **22** of the display **2**, achieving a light-shading effect.

FIGS. 3 and 4 show a rotatable display mounting structure according to the second embodiment of the present invention. This
15 embodiment is substantially similar to the aforesaid first embodiment with the exception of the direction of rotation of the display. According to the aforesaid first embodiment, the display **2** is rotatable in the hollow frame **1** in vertical direction (see FIG. 1); according to this second embodiment, the display **3** is rotatable in the hollow frame **4** in horizontal direction. Same as
20 the aforesaid first embodiment, the display **3** and the hollow frame **4** are pivoted together by means of pivot holes and pivots.

Further, the positioning structures **311** and **321** of the display **3** are two elongated grooves respectively formed in the outer left side **31** and the outer right side **32**; the positioning devices **411** of the hollow frame **4** are

two elongated flanges (tongues) respectively formed on two respective locating plates **41** respectively corresponding to the elongated grooves of the positioning structures **311** and **321** of the display **3**.

5 A prototype of rotatable display mounting structure has been constructed with the features of FIGS. 1~4. The rotatable display mounting structure functions smoothly to provide all of the features discussed earlier.

Although particular embodiments of the present invention have been described in detail for purposes of illustration, various modifications and enhancements may be made without departing from the spirit and scope
10 of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is not to be limited except as by the appended claims.